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Delaware Population Consortium
Meeting on Monday April 23, 2018
Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was attended by:

David Edgell, OSPC
Miriam Pomilio, OSPC
Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Ed Ratledge, UD Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research
(CADSR)
Jim Galvin, Dover-Kent MPO
Hillary Austin, DSHA
Jimmy Pennewell, DE Dept. of Education
Anson Gock, DeIDOT
Colton Phillips, DeIDOT
Owen Robatino, New Castle County Dept. of Land Use
Samantha Bulkilvish, Sussex County Planning & Zoning
Terry Pepper, DE Dept. of Homeland Security
Noemi Mendez, US Census

2. Review of legislation to formally add the Delaware Population Consortium to Title 29 of the Delaware Code – Dave Edgell

- a. Copies of a draft State Legislature bill were handed out. Dave Edgell provided background, including some history of State comprehensive planning legislation. State Code now has references to the DPC, and the proposed bill will serve as enabling legislation. Municipal governments reportedly like the demographic projections the DPC recently began doing for all of them, not just the biggest three. For current year estimates, the bill allows choosing between estimates by the DPC and the US Census, whichever are greater. The Attorney General has provided comments, including avoiding problems by setting the quorum at eight with 17-18 voting members. Preferably, the approved bill will be general enough to not require frequent change. Dave requested submission of any comments by the end of the week.
- b. Various aspects of the draft were discussed. Dan Blevins of WILMAPCO said the bill should recognize subarea allocations, and warned the DPC bylaws may need changing to reflect the bill. Ed Ratledge suggested the bill not make UD a voting member but rather a technical participant, to avoid problems with other colleges who are not involved with the DPC. Anson Gock and Owen Robatino suggested a change to state the

DPC will only publish the data they develop, not respond to individual requests for information.

3. Statewide small-area projections: Year 2050 – Dan Blevins

A review of TAZ and Planning District level population, employment, household and other key inputs for all three counties in Delaware, forecast out to year 2050.

- a. Dan Blevins overviewed how small area projections are updated yearly using recent employment trends, land use activity, and coordination with county land use agencies. The accompanying graphs showed declining workers per household, an aging population, lower Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per capita, and age-related changes in transportation choices that may reduce VMT. Maps of American Community Survey data were shown including income, workers and vehicles per household, transit use, aging population, and seasonal households. Seasonal population and employment were discussed, focusing on Sussex County and the Salisbury area.
- b. Dan also told how DPC projections for the counties are allocated to smaller areas, including the Planning Districts within each county. A set of tables provided data between 2015-2050, with maps that summarized the data. They showed between 2015 and 2050 some Population, Household, and Employment growth in parts of each county, with Population and Employment declines in parts of northern New Castle County.
- c. Dan continued by explaining how Planning District estimates are allocated to the smaller Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). Maps showed between 2015 and 2050 scattered Household growth; and scattered Employment growth with decreases mostly in northern New Castle County.

4. Update on 2018 DPC projection series

Ed Ratledge mentioned work on new fertility, mortality, and migration rates; as well as further work on seasonal data.

5. Other business/Next meeting date

Dan Blevins mentioned planned work by DelDOT on coastal evacuation plans. Gene Donaldson wants new data by TAZ, in order to redo a computer file with evacuation data. The next meeting is scheduled for some time in August